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This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed herewith the above-identified application, within three months of the filing date of the application, and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, the IDS is properly submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and therefore it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this IDS. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No.12-2252.

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